

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
PATENT APPLICATION

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| Applicants: | Max Aebi et al. | Confirmation No.: | 6656 |
| Application No.: | 10/539,660 | | |
| Int'l Appln. No.: | PCT/CH02/00705 | I.A. Filing Date: | December 17, 2002 |
| For: | INTERVERTEBRAL IMPLANT WITH TILTABLE JOINT PARTS | Attorney Docket: | 8932-1180-999 (new) (formerly LUS-16090) |

September 14, 2006

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

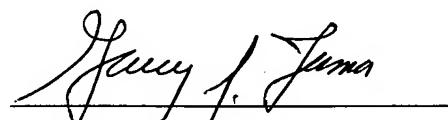
Sir:

Please extend the time for reply to the February 14, 2006 Notification Of Missing Requirements for a period of 5 months, from April 14, 2006 up to and including September 14, 2006.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$2,160.00. Please charge the required fee to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013. A copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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